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An AAPHR goal is serving others as a channel for placing before Members of Congress the words of 'significant others.' Many well known and respected persons, highly informed about the Israeli-Palestinian situation, are exceptionally articulate. Their statements could indeed - if those on Capital Hill read them - influence the Congress. AAPHR papers, concise in both content (human rights only - we are non-political) and form, are intended to meet the criteria for being read by Members.

On the other side of this page is an example. It is a cover letter for an appeal to the Congress from Dr. Israel Shahak. At his request, AAPHR produced Dr. Shahak's paper and arranged delivery. It was taken personally, by Women Strike for Peace volunteers, to the offices of each Senator and Representative.

You have received other AAPHR Bulletins, also delivered to the Congress, with brief, pointed messages regarding Palestinian human rights. Those messages, aimed at Members who have many issues on their agendas, do not say much to you who are so knowledgeable. So why do we send them to you? There are two reasons.

One reason is to demonstrate to you the channel to the Congress which AAPHR provides. That may trigger future messages. You may be, or know, a person whose words can be useful to the cause of Palestinian human rights. Or you may have read or heard a short and particularly powerful statement you think we should consider. AAPHR communications medium - we ***edit and publish***, others ***create*** the material we process. We would therefore like to hear from you.

The other reason is to encourage you to keep this channel to Congress open with your donations. Your interest in the Israeli-Palestinian situation surely informs you that the Congress is an important player. If you agree, as does Dr. Shahak, that focused communications to the Congress can have an effect, please help us continue them. We have no staff costs. We do need cash for printing, postage, and other normal office expenses. We regret that we simply could not afford to automatically send Dr. Shahak's appeal to all on our list. If you want a copy, please write.

We realize you get little from us, which is why we are not a membership organization. Instead, our constituency is anyone who is concerned about the oppression of the Palestinians and who sees merit in our role as a channel to Congress. We are grateful that some of you have sent tax deductible donations which enable our work.

Those of you in the Washington metropolitan area do get more (and free) from AAPHR - our 24-hour voice information service. Call our office and roam through the VIS. It is as powerful as interested people want it to be. Volunteers - who do not even have to come to our office - could make it more powerful.

We wish you peace and happiness in 1991.